# LifeLong Learning at PebbleCreek



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#### **Several Firsts This Year**

Welcome to the SCHEDULE for the 2016-2017 LifeLong Learning at PebbleCreek season, which promises to be the best season yet in our 13-year history.

There are several "firsts" that we are celebrating this year. This will be the **first** year in our own space, the LLL Center in the Eagle's Nest Activities center. We'll

hold almost all our classes in the center and have regular morning office hours when you will be able to register for classes and trips, purchase tickets for Premier Lectures or just drop by to chat and find out what's new in LifeLong Learning.

A related "first" is our first fundraising drive. The LLL Center is now equipped for classes and office work, but it is still lacking many items, including classroom resources and more chairs so we can use the space for small lectures. By raising additional funds, we will be able to keep our ticket prices reasonable while bringing in speakers who command higher fees than we have been paying. We hope that you will join in the effort to help LifeLong Learning reach and serve even more residents. (See next page)



#### **New This Season**

This year we will begin the **first** "Sunday Series," afternoon programs highlighting the arts and humanities. These programs will be held in the Chianti Room and will complement, not compete, with the programs offered by the talented members of PebbleCreek's performing groups and the shows brought here by the Activities Office.

As always, all the programs and events that LifeLong Learning offers are developed, managed and brought to fruition through the incredible work of our volunteer team. With more than 80 residents working to make LifeLong Learning happen, we hope you will introduce yourselves to them at any of our events.

Enjoy a wonderful season of learning. We are all LifeLong learners, and our entire team looks forward to seeing you. As always, we welcome your ideas, suggestions and thoughts.

Phyllis Minsuk and Dennis DeFrain Co-Chairs

# Special Programs



#### **TED Talks Return for Six Sessions**

Last year we introduced TED Talks, two-hour, small group discussions about topics presented in two or three TED Talk videos. They were so successful we're expanding to six sessions this season.

Don't know what TED Talks are? They're "riveting talks by remarkable, people free to the world" as they're billed by TED. You have the chance to hear from some of the brightest people on the planet, via video, and then discuss their ideas with fellow residents.

The sessions are free, but registration is required. Sign up online, or at the LLL Center, for one or as many as will fit your schedule. TED Talks will be held in the Palm Room from 2-4 p.m. on **Nov. 3**, **Dec. 1**, **Jan. 5**, **Feb. 2**, **March 2** and **April 6**.

#### **Cinema Society Returns for Third Season**

LifeLong Learning and the PebbleCreek Activities Office collaborate again to bring this program of carefully selected motion pictures. Some are offered by top major and independent studios before they are released to the public, and some classics and independent films that were not widely distributed.

Only members of the Cinema Society of PebbleCreek and their out-of-town guests may view films. Memberships, \$110 for the full season, are sold in the Eagle's Nest Activities Office. Membership is prorated for those who join after the season begins. Membership gives you access to the 2016—2017 season of films and discussions, as well as information about interesting trips to special film festivals and events in the U.S. and other countries.

All films are shown Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Renaissance Theater. The following are the dates for this season: **Nov. 17**, **Dec. 15**, **Jan. 26**, **Feb. 9**, **March 9** and **April 6**.

#### **New! Sunday Series**

Hankering for something to do on a Sunday afternoon that doesn't involve football? This year we're introducing a new concept, a series of Sunday programs, fashioned after a salon gathering. These events, including refreshments, will bring a range of fine art events that are suitable to a small setting, as opposed to those that play in the Renaissance Theater.

The dates are: **Jan. 15**, **Feb. 12**, and **March 19**. Be sure to watch your email and/or check our website, www.lifelonglearningatpc.org, for details. You will need to register for each event separately.



#### **Support LifeLong Learning**

We hope LifeLong Learning has become an integral part of your life at PebbleCreek. Through its lectures, classes, trips and special programs, it brings continuing education to the community, filling a need not met through the other amenities we all enjoy.

Now, with our own home in the Activities Center, there is so much we hope to do, from bringing more high-quality speakers to offering new programs such as the Sunday Series.

We are a 501(c)(3), and as a friend of LifeLong Learning, your donation will be tax deductible. Consider making a donation to honor a special person in your life, a significant occasion or milestone, or make a donation in memory of someone. Donors will be listed online and in our printed materials.

For more information, please see www.lifelonglearningatpc.org/donate

### Premier Lectures

# Nationally prominent speakers visit PebbleCreek. Tuscany Falls Renaissance Theater, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person in advance or at the door.

Saturday, November 5

#### **Intelligence Gathering, Israeli Style**

When **Victor John Ostrovsky**, a former case officer for the Israeli Mossad, wrote "By Way of Deception," the Israeli government tried to ban its publication. The explosive chronicle of his experiences in the Mossad details two decades of their frightening and often ruthless covert activities around the world.

He said he published the book in 1990 to draw attention to the corruption and shortcomings he claims to have witnessed in the Mossad. Ostrovsky has repeatedly argued that intelligence-gathering agencies must be permitted certain operational freedoms, but that significantly increased governmental oversight of espionage activities is necessary.

An artist and writer, he currently lives in Scottsdale.

#### Friday, January 13

#### **Deep Inside, Life in North Korea**

What is it like to live under the most repressive totalitarian regime today, where displays of affection are punished, informants are rewarded and an offhand remark can send a person to prison for life?

As the first bureau chief for the "Los Angeles Times" in South Korea, **Barbara Demick** interviewed large numbers of defectors in China and South Korea, reporting extensively on human rights in North Korea. What she learned is the basis of her recent book, "Nothing

to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea," which won the Samuel Johnson Award in the United Kingdom and was a finalist for the National Book Award in the United States and the Pulitzer Prize.

Saturday, January 28

#### Walking Around the World at 3 mph

In August 1999, **Polly Letofsky** sold all her possessions and left the beauty and peace of Vail, Colorado, to begin a walk that would last five years, cover four continents, 22 countries and more than 14,000 miles.

While she always wanted to walk around the world, it wasn't until several friends developed breast cancer that she set off on a breast-cancer awareness campaign. Survivors and well-wishers around the world joined her on the walk, calling attention to a

disease that is all too often hidden in other parts of the globe.

Letofsky is a motivational speaker who keeps audiences on the edge of their seats as she richly details her journey with humor and honest reflection and inspires them to conquer life's challenges -- one step at a time.



Friday, February 10

The Teddy Roosevelt Show

In this, the centennial anniversary of the founding of the National Park Service, there could be no more fitting way to celebrate than by learning about the 26th president of the United States who was responsible for protecting huge tracts of American wilderness in the National Park System.

Famed historian **Joe Wiegand** returns to PebbleCreek for a performance of his oneman show recounting the role Roosevelt had in the preservation of important public lands.

A masterful impersonator, Wiegand has spent the past year in the guise of Roosevelt, touring the country, celebrating the centennial year of the National Park Service. Be sure to meet President Roosevelt in the lobby.

Saturday, February 25

The FBI Recovers Stolen Art

Geronimo's war bonnet...an original copy of the Bill of Rights...a Rembrandt portrait ...a Rodin sculpture...paintings by Picasso, Rockwell and Monet. All were lost — lost until **Robert Wittman** went to work.

Wittman, the FBI's "real Indiana Jones," will relate the true stories behind the headlines of notorious art heists and incredibly daring undercover recoveries.

Author of the "New York Times" best-seller, "Priceless: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures," Wittman joined the FBI in 1988. He founded the FBI's national art-crime team and served for 20 years as the FBI's investigative expert in this field.

Friday, March 17

**National Security in the New Administration** 

While many a novel has been written about the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), little is really known about the National Clandestine Service (NCS), the undercover arm of the CIA.

**Francis Archibald** was the director of the NCS, retiring in 2015 after 31 years of service with the CIA. Archibald led thousands of officers in hundreds of locations around the world in executing CIA's intelligence collection and covert actions. He will talk about the

NCS operations and the challenges it faces in the present environment.

A recipient of the CIA's highest award, the Distinguished Intelligence Cross, he is currently a senior adviser to Crumpton Group, helping provide intelligence-driven solutions that inform, protect and advance clients' strategic objectives.

Buy your Premier Lecture tickets at **www.lifelonglearningatpc.org.**Go to the page for the lecture you want to attend, then click on the link at the top of the page.
You may pay with a PayPal account, credit card or a check.

# Monday Morning Lectures

Hear outstanding speakers on a variety of topics Mondays at 10 a.m. Lectures run from 60-90 minutes and are \$4 per person. All lectures are in the Renaissance Theater except as noted.

October 17
The FBI
and Violent Crimes

We have the privilege, once again, of learning about the FBI's workings when **Lance Leising**, a supervisory special agent with the FBI Phoenix Division, discusses violent

crimes such as bank robbery, kidnapping and murder. He will explain how the FBI goes about compiling the "Top Ten" lists and how it works with other law enforcement agencies to seek fugitives.

Leising, who joined the FBI in 1998, will also explain the role that citizens play in apprehending fugitives. Since the FBI began its "Top Ten" lists in 1950, citizen cooperation has helped in more than one-third of the successful captures of fugitives. *NOTE: This lecture will be in the Tuscany Falls Ballroom*.

October 24
China, an Economic
Powerhouse

While the media focuses on the diplomatic difficulties between China and the U.S., such as the dispute over the South China Sea,

the real threat is China's economic ing to **Norman Levine**, **Ph.D.** Levine will

power, according to **Norman Levine**, **Ph.D.** Levine will talk about Chinese economic expansion in Central Asia and Europe and other economic strategies by means of the Silk Route Program and the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank. A true understanding of contemporary China's influence depends on analyzing its ascension as the world's second-greatest economic power.

Levine, who spent 30 years teaching and researching history at various universities, is a member of the Emeritus College at ASU. *NOTE: This lecture will be in the Tuscany Falls Ballroom.* 

October 31
The Supreme Court
and the Election

Just a week before the presidential election, ASU Professor **Paul Bender** returns to PebbleCreek to talk about the

future of the Supreme Court under a new administration. The court, which has been handicapped since the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, will change considerably when the U.S. Senate approves a nominee appointed by a newly elected president. However, several important issues will be

considered well before then.

Bender teaches U.S. and Arizona constitutional law. He served as dean of the ASU law school from 1984-1989, during which time he was instrumental in starting ASU's Indian Legal Program. Prior to joining ASU, he was on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. *NOTE: This lecture will be in the Tuscany Falls Ballroom.* 

November 7

Medicare Fraud

When you receive a statement from Medicare, do you carefully review it to make sure the charges are correct, or do you just toss it aside, assuming all's okay? Those forms are a first

defense against Medicare fraud, and when a health care provider bills Medicare for patients, practices or procedures that are false, we all pay.

A special agent from the Department of Health and Human Services will talk about the fraudulent bills that put a strain on the Medicare Trust Fund. It's a presentation you won't want to miss.



November 14
Ports of Call,
Famous People

Sherry Hutt has been traveling the world for more than 25 years, collecting stories about historical characters and taking pictures of the places where

they lived. Now she educates cruise audiences about the countries they are visiting -- bringing the history and culture of the ports to life through the eyes of historical characters.

Hutt will talk about Cervantes in Seville, Melina Mercouri in Athens, Queen Blance in Sicily and other characters. A Phoenix native, Hutt is a former superior court judge in Maricopa County. She is the author of the "Cruise Through History" series.

January 9

**Arizona and the Drought** 

The Arizona drought, which has persisted since the mid-1990s, is real, and the future is not looking much better. How is Arizona coping with this continued water shortage, and will

the state have enough water to keep growing? While cities have taken steps to prepare, rural Arizona is not as ready.

**Tom Buschatzke**, director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, will talk about the drought and the steps the state has taken to minimize its impact, allowing Arizona to manage its water resources effectively and to provide more options for the future.

# January 16 Martin Luther King Day

Join PebbleCreek's Just Folks for the annual celebration of Dr. King's legacy.

January 23
Phoenix "Dreamers"
Beat MIT

In 2004, four high school kids from the mean streets of central Phoenix, children of undocumented Mexican immigrants, beat the prestigious

Massachusetts Institute of Technology's team in a robotics competition.

If it sounds like a movie script, it is. It's a story of hard work, determination, and a dedicated teacher who inspires kids to master math and science and perhaps most of all, to believe in themselves.

Faridodin "Fredi" Lajvardi has been teaching at Carl Hayden High School in Phoenix for 28 years, where he leads the Falcon Robotics Team, an extracurricular STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program that has received national and worldwide recognition.

January 30

The Politics and Ethics

of Stem Cell Research
Stem cells may hold the key to
curing cancers, heart disease,

multiple sclerosis and other

catastrophic diseases. However, since the beginnings of research

involving embryonic stem cells, the field has been embroiled in scientific, political and ethical controversy.

Ben Hurlbut, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the ASU School of Life Sciences, will review the history and controversy surrounding stem cell research and explore the future of this promising field. He will explore the complex intersection of scientific possibility and ethical uncertainty, and the persistent controversy over how judgments should be made about when and how stem cell research transitions from serving human life to violating it.

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# Monday Morning Lectures

February 6
"History Detective"
Debunks War Myths

According to some history sites, the Pleasant Valley War in Arizona was wrapped in a legend about a bloody feud between two families living in Tonto National Forest.

It was so violent that as many as 50 men died and delayed the territory its statehood for almost 30 years.

The problem? None of the oft-told tales is true. **Eduardo Pagán, Ph.D.**, a professor of history at ASU, will set the record straight, sharing his research on what really happened in the Pleasant Valley War, the subject of his forthcoming book. Learn how progress created conditions that warped friendships and turned disagreements into deadly contests.

February 13
Separation of
Mosque and State

Is the Muslim faith a way of life that is inexorably rooted in the concept of an Islamic State?

Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser says, "Definitely not." A devout Muslim, he founded the American Islamic Forum for Democracy in the wake of the 9/11 attacks and advocates for separation of mosque and state. He says the purest practice of Islam is one in which Muslims have complete freedom to accept or reject any of the tenants or laws of the faith. This is opposed to the "Islamic" regimes of the Middle East and some Muslim majority nations that use Islam as a way to control the people, not to glorify God.

A frequent witness before Congress, Jasser is an internationally recognized expert on the threats of political Islam. This is a return visit for Jasser.

February 20
Hickman's Family Farm

When Grandma Nell added a few chickens to her backyard in 1944, she could not have imagined that the third generation of her family would now be processing more than 750,000

eggs per hour. Hickman's eggs are now on the tables of customers from Iowa to Hawaii, all from almost five million hens producing eggs in Arizona and Colorado.

**Sharman Hickman**, the only "hen" in her family of five siblings, is responsible for the company's outreach causes, which concentrate on ending childhood hunger. She will talk about the company and what has changed in the egg industry in recent years.

February 27
Mars Curiosity Rover,
What Have We Learned?

The Curiosity Rover that landed on Mars four years ago is still sending back photos and data that help NASA scientists understand the planet's climate and

geology and prepare for eventual human exploration of the planet.

**Ted Blank**, a solar system ambassador for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will explain how thousands of engineers and scientists from the USA and Europe built and tested the rover and got it safely to the surface of the Red Planet. The rover, the size of a small car, is exploring the planet to see if it ever had geologic conditions to support life.

He will also share the latest photographs and findings from the Red Planet.



# March 6 Valley Fever and You

Two-thirds of all U.S. valley fever cases occur in Arizona, particularly in areas such as Goodyear. However, nearly half of all Arizona physicians do not know how to diagnose or

manage the disease, which can cause serious and lengthy respiratory illness. Primarily a disease of the lungs, valley fever is caused by a fungus growing in the soil that becomes airborne when disturbed by construction, wind or farming.

**Dr. John Galgiani**, a professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine and director of the Valley Fever Center for Excellence, will review how valley fever affects Arizonans, and will describe recently developed programs that can help improve the situation.

March 13
TSA, Behind the
Scenes at Sky Harbor

If you are one of the more than 42 million passengers who fly into or out of the airport each year, have you ever wondered about what is happening behind the

scenes to keep you and your luggage safe?

**Brian Towle**, the airport's TSA stakeholder manager, will provide an inside look at the workings of the Transportation Security Administration, explain the TSA Pre-Check program and talk about the changes coming to the airport. Sky Harbor was honored as "Airport of the Year" by the TSA for its exceptional courtesy and attentiveness to passengers.

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March 20
Medical Marijuana,
Politics and Passion

In the 25 states where medical marijuana is legal, including Arizona, it has been used to treat a number of different conditions, including Alzheimer's

disease, cancer, Crohn's disease, anorexia, glaucoma, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and multiple sclerosis. Yet, despite growing evidence and the number of testimonials of marijuana's healing effects, marijuana is still considered a Schedule 1 substance, the same category as heroin, LSD and Ecstasy.

**Dr. Sue Sisley**, one of the lead researchers in the efficacy of medical marijuana, is the only physician who has won FDA approval for a trial treating veterans with PTSD with marijuana.

March 27
HOOKED: Tracking
Heroin's Hold in Arizona
Jacquee Petchel led a team
of more than 70 students and
eight faculty members from
the ASU Walter Cronkite School
of Journalism that produced a

30-minute documentary, "HOOKED: Tracking Heroin's Hold in Arizona."

The documentary was simultaneously broadcast on every Arizona TV station and 93 radio stations and won the Alfred I. duPond Award. It traces the rise of heroin use and its impact on Arizonans through the stories of addicts struggling with sobriety, families grappling for solace and law-enforcement officials battling on the front lines.

Petchel, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and editor, will talk about the project, show the documentary and discuss the Cronkite News continuing efforts to cover the heroin epidemic in Arizona.



#### **Explore New Areas of Interest**

**Registration is required for all classes**, even those that are free. Register online or download the registration form from the website, mail it with your check or bring it to the LLL Center in the Eagle's Nest Activity Center or to the theater lobby before any Monday Morning Lecture. Unless otherwise noted, classes will be held at the LLL Center.

For a full description of the classes, please go to www.lifelonglearningatpc.org/classes and click on the title of the class. Maximum class size is 24 unless otherwise noted.



# Ancient Cultures and the Skies Stan Dart

Learn how the ancient cultures that built Stonehenge, Chichen

Itza, Chaco Canyon and the Pyramids used what they knew about astronomy to inform the design and construction of those structures. The class will be steeped in the intersection of archaeology and astronomy.

Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 | 1 – 3 p.m. | \$35



#### Artisan Bread Gene Fioretti

PC's master baker invites you into his home to learn how

to bake beautiful breads. All you bring is yourself for a demonstration of all the steps to a delicious bread and you'll leave with a recipe and tips to make nourishing artisan bread at home.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 10 – 11:15 a.m. OR Tuesday, Jan. 10, 10 – 11:15 a.m. Location: Instructor's home | Limit: 15 | \$10

## **Arizona History Fred Williams**

Have you wondered how Arizona became the vibrant state it is today? Learn about the early native Arizonians, some Civil War events and early state heroes and how Luke Air Force Base came into being.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 9:30 – 11 a.m. | \$15

# Ballet, "Romeo and Juliet" Joseph Cavanaugh

Meet one of Ballet Arizona's professional dancers and hear firsthand about the grueling work, the extreme hardship, as well as the exuberant joy of bringing ballet to life. This is a perfect class to attend prior to the LLL trip to see "Romeo and Juliet" at the Arizona Ballet.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m. – noon | \$10

# Bicycling for Beginners Through Experts Ted Ingalls and Walt Heinz

Learn all the A's and B's of bicycling in Arizona and how to avoid cycling problems. Learn how to choose your equipment, the basics of maintaining your bike and how to join a group of PebbleCreekers who ride regularly for fun and fitness.

*Wednesdays, Feb. 8 AND Feb. 15, 9 a.m. – noon* | \$35



# Birds of PebbleCreek Tom Schull

Want to know more about the birds that hang around your neighborhood? Learn fascinating facts about the birds in the community and how to identify them. After the class you'll be on your way to becoming a regular "birder."

Thursday, Feb. 23, 9 a.m. - noon | \$30



#### Cacti, How to Choose and Care for Them Jim Oravitz

While cacti are known as desert plants, not all do equally well in all locations. Some grow seemingly overnight while others take decades. A master gardener, Oravitz returns to PebbleCreek to teach how to select and care for the native vegetation of Arizona.

Saturday, Mar. 4, 10 a.m. – noon | \$20

#### The Civil War Dick Falor

Grab a cup of coffee for four lively and informative Tuesday morning conversations about the Civil War. You'll discuss battles, personalities and more that will entertain and inform.

Tuesdays, Feb. 28, March 7, 14, and 21 10 – 11 a.m. | \$35

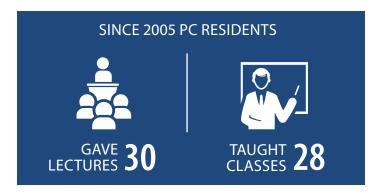


#### Food Art Barbara Dillon

Learn how to make amusing and attractive art out of food, using only a cutting board and

knife. Food novices can learn simple techniques to turn food into art that is sure to please guests and grandchildren. Most are simple to make and can be created in a few minutes. This class will be offered twice.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 1 – 2:30 p.m. OR Thursday, Feb. 16, 10 – 11:30 a.m. | \$15





# Creating Gift Baskets Sandy Donovan

In the first of two sessions, Sandy Donovan will demonstrate and share tips on how to create baskets of various sizes. In the second session, students will construct a basket of their own. Students will need to purchase

a basket and the contents they wish to include.

When Donovan moved to PebbleCreek, she was hired by Robson Corporation to make welcome baskets. She has also created gift baskets to be raffled by PebbleCreek clubs and organizations.

Tuesdays, Nov. 1 AND 8, 9 – 11 a.m. | Limit: 10 | \$30

# **Great Decisions Carole Korzilius**

Great Decisions is an eight-week discussion program that focuses on different critical issues facing the United States. Created by the Foreign Policy Association, the program involves reading the Great Decisions briefing book, watching a DVD about the topic, and discussing the issues in a small group with other PebbleCreek residents.

The program provides background information and policy options while avoiding partisan politics. Choose from one of five groups that will meet for two hours per session.

Mondays, beginning Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. OR Mondays, beginning, Jan. 23 at 6:15 p.m. OR Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. OR Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 24, at 6:15 p.m. OR Fridays, beginning Jan. 27 at 9:30 a.m. \$30 + \$5 for second person sharing book

#### **Ouestions?**

Mary Gangl, director of classes, at 623.236.9613 or Renee Bruening, class registrar, at 623.224.8469 or classes@lifelonglearningatpc.org.



## Opera, An Introduction Joshua Borths

Wonder what people like about a play performed entirely in song in a foreign language? Learn about the history and context of opera and what happens behind the scenes at the Arizona Opera.

Borths is Arizona Opera's education manager and has directed many full productions.

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 10 - 11 a.m. | \$10



#### Opera, "Madame Butterfly" Joshua Borths

"Madame Butterfly" is Puccini's greatest masterpiece, the memorable story of

an innocent geisha's love for an American naval officer. In preparation for the LLL trip to see the opera on Saturday, Feb. 4, learn what to watch and listen for at the production.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 10 – 11 a.m. | \$10

#### Pasta, Homemade Gene Fioretti

After several years of teaching how to make artisan bread, Fioretti has added a second subject. Learn the secrets behind delicious homemade pasta, including the specifics of ingredient selection and how to mix, roll, cut, dry and cook homemade pasta. You'll enjoy pasta samples and leave with recipes and equipment lists so you can make delicious pasta in your own kitchen.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 10 – 11:15 a.m. OR Tuesday, Jan. 24, 10 – 11:15 a.m. | Limit: 15 | \$10

#### **LECTURE ATTENDEES SINCE 2005**

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**9,838** Premier

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# Retirement—What's Next? Linda Burridge

Now that you've retired, are you ready to renew, reinvent and rewire? No matter how you envision your future, here's a chance to get started on a wonderful retirement by learning the process and techniques for self-discovery and reinvention.

Burridge is a certified professional coach and has worked for more than 30 years as a consultant dedicated to the personal and professional growth of others.

Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m. – noon AND Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 – 10 a.m. | \$30

# Retirement—What's Holding You Back? Linda Burridge

If you're having problems getting your retirement plans in gear, learn what you need to do to get started on your next adventure. This two-session class will teach you how to assess the places, activities, people or possessions that may be holding you back.

Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m. – noon AND Saturday, March 4, 1 – 2 p.m. | \$30

# Social Security—There's a Lot to Learn Jack Burns

Whether you're already receiving benefits or are still wondering when to start collecting, you'll learn lots of new information. Current recipients, as well as those who are weighing their options, will learn how benefits are calculated, when to file and more.

Thursday, Jan. 19, 10 – 11:30 a.m. FREE but registration is required

#### Writing Workshop Ann Lee Miller

If you've always wanted to write, or are writing, here's a chance to learn what it takes to plan, write and edit a publishable piece. Class is for writers of fiction, nonfiction and memoirs.

Miller has published five novels and is completing her Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing.

Saturday, Jan. 7, 9 a.m. – noon | Limit: 20 | \$50



#### Join Friends, Old and New, on 16 LifeLong Learning Trips

Interested in exploring the Phoenix area but don't want to do it alone? LifeLong Learning at PebbleCreek makes it easy with trips to many of the best sights and sounds in the area. The fee for each trip includes round-trip bus transportation, tips, entry fees and lunch or dinner, unless otherwise noted.

Some trips fill quickly, so please make plans to register online at www.lifelonglearningatpc.org on Saturday, Oct. 1, beginning at 8 a.m. or at the LLL Center in the Eagle's Nest Activities Center from 8 a.m. to noon that day. Details of each trip are available online.



# Chillin' and Grillin' at the Wigwam

Get an insider's tour of the **Wigwam Resort** before settling on the patio for a

cooking demonstration by Chef de Cuisine Chris Knouse. Enjoy drinks and a delicious dinner, including dishes prepared before your eyes. Meet in the main lobby of the **Wigwam** at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 6 | 5 – 7 p.m. Cost: \$80 | Maximum 40



#### **Verde Canyon Railroad**

Take a first-class seat on the Verde Canyon Railroad that takes us into the untouched majesty of Verde Canyon and

thousands of years back in time. Enjoy pampering, railroad style, plentiful appetizers with bar attendants at our service to guide us through the journey. Experience through their expert knowledge and narration the history, archaeology, geology, wildlife and Indian lore of the area. Dinner and a show by the **Blazin' M Cowboys** at the **Blazin' M Ranch**.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 | 9:45 a.m. – 11 p.m. Cost: \$145 | Maximum 40



# Organ Stop Pizza and Mesa Mormon Temple

Enjoy this popular evening trip beginning with a selfpaid dinner and the Wurlitzer

Organ holiday show at **Organ Stop Pizza**. This is followed by the Christmas Light Show and concert at Mesa's **Mormon Temple**.

Thursday, Dec. 8 | 3:15 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$30 | Maximum 56



#### A Day in Tucson

Our first stop is the **Mission San Xavier del Bac**, a

National Historic Landmark
known for its white stucco
Moorish-inspired exterior and

ornately decorated interior. We'll also visit the **Mirror Steward Observator**y at the University of Arizona, where mirrors for giant telescopes are made, and tour the **History of Pharmacy Museum**. Lunch will be at the **El Charro Cafe**, an historic Tucson institution.

Thursday, Jan. 12 | 7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Cost: \$90 | Maximum 50

Members of the trip team visited all the venues we will tour.

Ask them for details if you have any questions.

Be sure to read the new LLL Trip Policy, posted on our web site.

Notify us of any mobility or dietary restrictions so we can do our best to accommodate you.

# Trips



#### **Phoenix Symphony**

Following a pre-concert talk with maestro **Tito Muñoz**, we'll enjoy a concert of the music of the late composer,

conductor, educator and humanitarian, Leonard Bernstein. We'll be joined by the conductor and the soloist for lunch and a Q&A in the Green Room at Symphony Hall.

Friday, Jan 20 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$80 | Maximum 30



#### Luke Air Force Base

Here's an opportunity to go behind the scenes at **Luke Air Force Base**, home to the 56th Fighter Wing and the

training center for the new F-35 fighter jets. After the tour, we'll enjoy a buffet lunch at the base. *NOTE: This trip will be repeated March 8*.

Tuesday, Jan. 24 | 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$35 | Maximum 25



#### Opera, "Madame Butterfly"

We'll begin the evening with a light dinner at **Squid Ink**, a Japanese fusion sushi bar, before arriving at the

opera in time for a pre-opera lecture about "Madame Butterfly." Puccini's greatest masterpiece, the opera will be performed in Italian with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra and easy-to-read English subtitles projected on a screen above the stage.

Saturday, Feb. 4 | 4 - 11:30 p.m. Cost: \$145 | Maximum 30

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#### The Amazon Distribution Center and Water Reclamation Center

Ever wonder why your Amazon item sometimes

arrives much sooner than anticipated? The reason: the **Amazon Distribution Center** located just south of our community. We will tour the center, have lunch at **Fiesta Mexicana** and then tour the **Liberty Water Processing Plant Reclamation Center**, which processes wastewater from PebbleCreek. *NOTE: Extensive walking in carefully restricted areas. You must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes.* 

Friday, Feb. 10 | 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$50 | Maximum 30



#### Ballet, "Romeo and Juliet"

Attend the pre-matinee lecture and performance of **Romeo and Juliet** performed by Ballet Arizona, set to the music of

Sergei Prokofiev, played by the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra. After the performance we will walk a short distance to the Hilton Garden Inn. It is housed in the newly restored art deco historic bank, the setting of the opening scenes in "Psycho." Dinner will be at the Italian-themed **Nook**.

Saturday, Feb. 11 | 1 – 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$145 | Maximum 30



# Federal Reserve Bank, Phoenix Processing Center

We'll enter one of the more mysterious branches of the federal government for a tour

of the Phoenix Processing Center, part of the **Federal Reserve Bank** of San Francisco. Following lunch at **Bella Luna**, we will visit the new **911 Dispatch and Emergency Call Center.** *NOTE: ID to enter the Federal Reserve building is needed. No cell phones or cameras.* 

Wednesday, Feb. 15 | 9:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost: \$50 | Maximum 25





#### Senses of Sedona, Sedona Film Festival

Leave the driving to us as you journey to Sedona for the renowned Sedona

International Film Festival. We'll see a critically acclaimed film and have lunch prepared by **Reds** at the **Performing Arts Center,** with a talk by the film's director. We'll enjoy spectacular red rock views and photo op at the airport.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 | 9 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. Cost: \$70 | Maximum 56



#### **Agritopia Community**

Right in the heart of Gilbert is a modern-day village built around a farm. **Agritopia**, set within the urban fabric

of the Phoenix metro area, is gaining national attention as part of the newest real estate trend in the U.S. After a tour of the community and farm, we'll have lunch at **Joe's Farm Grill**, featuring food grown on the farm. We'll explore the newest facility, Barnone, before returning to Goodyear.

Friday, Mar. 3 | 8:15 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cost: \$55 | Maximum 56



#### **Luke Air Force Base**

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center for the new F-35 fighter jets. After the tour, we'll enjoy a buffet lunch at the base. Same as Jan. 24.

Wednesday, Mar. 8 | 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$35 | Maximum 25

#### **LLL CENTER**

(Eagles Nest Activities Center)

Visit us weekday mornings 9 a.m. - noon (except during Monday Morning Lectures and holidays)



#### **Cars and Cows**

Spend the day with the "cars and cows" of Maricopa. At the **Dwarf Car Museum**, we'll see miniature replicas of

classic cars and street-legal cruisers. We'll then go to **Shamrock Farms**, one of the largest family-owned dairies in the U.S. After a box lunch in the barn, we'll learn about modern dairy production during a tram tour of the farm, followed by ice cream for everyone. *NOTE: Rustic and uneven, soft terrain. Please review the LLL Trip Policy.* 

Wednesday, March 15 | 9:45 a.m. – 6 p.m. Cost: \$70 | Maximum 56



#### **Boyce Thompson Arboretum**

Just in time to see the beautiful wildflowers that thrive in the desert, we'll travel 80 miles east of

Goodyear to the **Boyce Thompson Arboretum**, the oldest and most diverse botanical garden in Arizona. We'll have lunch at the **Gold Canyon Resort** before returning to PebbleCreek. *NOTE: Extensive walking on unpaved, uneven paths. Please review the LLL Trip Policy.* 

Tuesday, Mar. 28 | 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost: \$55 | Maximum 56



#### Los Cedros U.S.A.

This building compound is a premier site for the training of the world's finest performance horses.

Following a guided tour to learn about the building and the horses, we'll go to the **Buffalo Chips Saloon** for dinner and a live bull riding show. *NOTE: Extensive walking. Please review the LLL Trip Policy.* 

Wednesday, April 5 | 1:30 – 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$60 | Maximum 54

Contact Lisa Greenhoot, director of trips, with your questions, 541-554-5628 or trips@ lifelonglearningatpc.org.



